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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, IC, GW NATO

SUBJ: FRG/ICELAND FISHING RELATIONS

1. EMBOFF EXPLORED LATEST FRG THINKING ON FRG/ICELAND FISHING RELATIONS WITH ICELAND DESK OFFICER IN FONMIN. IN RECENT WEEKS NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE FRG IS ATTEMPTING TO EXTEND ITS CURRENT FISHING AGREEMENT WITH ICELAND, WHICH EXPIRES IN TWO MONTHS. DESK OFFICER DENIED THIS, SAYING THAT THE FRG HAS MADE NO MOVES SINCE THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED AND PLANS NONE IN THE FUTURE. HE ADDED THAT THE FRG IS BOTH HOPEFUL AND CONFIDENT THAT ICELAND WILL MAKE THE FIRST MOVE TOWARD EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT. THE LIFTING OF THE LANDING BAN HAS GIVEN ICELAND THE OPPORTUNITY TO VASTLY EXPAND ITS FISH AND FISH PRODUCT EXPORTS TO GERMANY, AND OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THAT  
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ICELAND WILL WISH TO MAINTAIN THIS TRADE BY OFFERING

TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT. HE ADDED THAT GERMAN FISHING BOATS HAVE ALREADY CAUGHT A LARGE PORTION OF THEIR FISHING QUOTAS FOR THE YEAR SO THAT AN AGREEMENT WILL COST ICELAND VERY LITTLE IN TERMS OF ADDITIONAL FOREIGN FISH TAKE.

2. FONMIN OFFICIALS ARE, HOWEVER, SOMEWHAT DISTRESSED BY RECENT GOI ANNOUNCEMENT OF "CONSERVATION ZONES". THESE ZONES IMPINGE UPON FISHING AREAS PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO IN GOI/FRG FISHING ACCORD, AND IN THE WORDS OF ICELAND DESK OFFICER "CHALLENGE THE VERY SUBSTANCE OF THE TREATY". FRG STATE SECRETARY HERMES INTENDS TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH NEW ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR IN BONN WHO WILL BE CALLING UPON THE FOREIGN MINISTRY LATER THIS WEEK. ICELANDIC DESK OFFICER INTIMATED TO EMBOFF THAT GERMAN FISHING BOATS HAVE BEEN SHYING AWAY FROM THESE NEWLY DECLARED CONSERVATION ZONES IN ORDER TO AVOID AN INCIDENT PRIOR TO GOI ACTION ON EXTENSION OF THE OCTOBER ACCORD.

3. COMMENT: DESK OFFICER WAS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC ON THE FUTURE COURSE OF GOI/FRG FISHING RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE EXPIRATION DATE (END OF APRIL) FOR THE FISHING ACCORD IS FIRMLY IN THE MINDS OF FONMIN OFFICIALS, THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT ICELAND WILL MAKE THE FIRST MOVE TOWARD EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT. THE QUESTION OF THE CONSERVATION ZONES HAS NOT DAMPENED THIS OPTIMISM BECAUSE FONMIN OFFICIALS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE GOI WILL LET THIS ISSUE GET IN THE WAY OF THE VASTLY IMPROVED GOI/FRG ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONS. END COMMENT.

4. UK/ICELAND FISHING DISPUTE: IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF UK/ICELAND DISPUTE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE FRG, EMBOFF ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THE UK WOULD LIFT ITS RESERVATION ON THE GRANTING OF EC

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PROTOCOL NO. 6 TARIFF CONCESSIONS TO ICELAND. SUCH AN ACTION WOULD OBVIATE THE NEED FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE GOI/FRG ACCORD. FONMIN OFFICIAL SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION, THIS WAS SIMPLY OUT OF THE QUESTION AND WOULD NOT BE RAISED BY THE FRG EITHER IN BRUSSELS OR LONDON.

5. GERMAN PRESS, IN THE LAST WEEK OR TWO, HAS BEGUN TO TAKE SIDES IN THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ENGLAND AND ICELAND. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ARGUED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT ICELAND'S FISHING CONDITIONS. POINTING OUT THAT NEITHER LONDON NOR NATO CAN TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST THE GOI, IT CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS NO CHOICE FOR LONDON BUT TO ACT AS THE MORE REASONABLE PARTY AND YIELD. BONN CONFIDENTIAL

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GENERAL-ANZEIGER POINTS OUT THAT INTERNATIONAL LAW IS ON THE BRITISH SIDE IN THE CONTROVERSY BUT THAT LONDON HAS UNDERESTIMATED THE ICELAND CABINET'S READINESS TO TAKE EXTREME MEASURES IN VIEW OF GROWING PRESSURE AT HOME. AS RESULT OF THIS MISCALCULATION, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DID NOT SHOW THE COMPOSURE IT SHOULD HAVE IN REACTING TO THE CHALLENGE AND SHOULD HAVE GIVEN PRIORITY TO THE COHESION OF NATO OVER ITS OWN INTERESTS IN THE COD WAR.  
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